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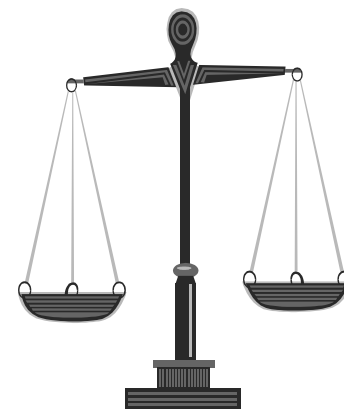
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TCJFCJ MISSION

The primary mission of the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is...

...to ensure the efficient and prompt administration of justice in the juvenile courts of this state, and to ensure that the causes of dependency, neglect, and delinquency will be better understood and addressed through the use of all available resources.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- Provide technical assistance to the state's 112 judges, 37 referees and over 350 staff with juvenile court jurisdiction.
- Educate juvenile court judges, referees, and court staff to enable them to better administer justice for Tennessee's children, youth, and families referred to the courts.
- Develop and maintain a *Core Curriculum* to be used as orientation and training for all new court staff.
- Collect statistical information on cases handled by juvenile courts that are disposed and reported to the TCJFCJ that is used for analysis and published reports.



TCJFCJ Services

- ◆ Represents the 98 courts with juvenile court jurisdiction in the state's 95 counties.
- ◆ Provides 12 to 15 hours of continuing legal education annually to juvenile court judicial officers on specific juvenile justice related topics.
- ◆ Provides a 48-hour basic juvenile justice training *Core Curriculum* course annually to 25-30 new juvenile court staff.
- ◆ Provides in-depth training seminars to enhance juvenile court professionals' knowledge regarding youth, family dynamics and legal and social intervention services.
- ◆ Provides technical assistance to judicial officers and court staff.
- ◆ Collects case referral and dispositional data from all juvenile courts in the state and publishes yearly findings in an Annual Statistical Report.
- ◆ Provides data and information to federal, state, local governments, organizations, media and individuals as well as responds to ad-hoc requests for statistical reports and indicators.
- ◆ Compiles statistical data for TCCY to use in the 3-year Juvenile Crime Analysis and annual updates that allow the state to be eligible to receive federal JJDP funds.
- ◆ Responds to questions from the public and provides information or refers the party to the appropriate entity.
- ◆ Represents the council by serving on a number of interagency committees.
- ◆ Monitors legislation and court case law and provides legal updates regarding juvenile court jurisdiction.

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